(a) whether the Committee set up by Government to review the cadre prospects of Paramedical staff in the Central Government Health Scheme has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government had not set up any Committee to review the cadre prospects of all para-medical staff working in the C.G.H.S. However an in-house Committee had looked into the question of grievances of CGHS Pharmacists and had suggested creation of certain additional posts as well as revision of pay-scale to take care of the congestions in the cadre of Pharmacists. These suggestions could not be pursued due to resource-constraints.

Development of agriculture and Tibetan system of Medicine

881. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a provision has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the development of Acupuncture and Tibetan system of medicine; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A provision of Rs. 25.00 lakhs has been made for the development of Tibetan System of Medicine, Acupuncture, etc. for the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Pickers of coal killed near Dakshineshwar Railway Station

882. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several pickers were killed when tons of stack coal fell near Dakshineshwar Railway Station yard on the 20th May, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such accidents have taken place at this station serveral times in the past also and;

(d) if so, whether the Railways propose to take safety measures to stop such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No Sir, no such accident took place on the Railway land on 20-5-1986 at Dakshineshwar Railway Station. However, one accident occurred, outside Railway Station area, at same station, where road construction work by State PWD was in progress.

(b) Full details are not available with the Department of Railway as accident was not in Railway premises.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposed National Highway

883. SHRI M. S GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to constitute a National Highway Authority;

(b) if so, what would be the function of this Authority; and

(c) what would be the other functions of this Authority for which the State Authorities would have to depend upon it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The proposal to constitute a National Highway Authority is still in the initial stages of formulation and no final view has been taken as yet.

Equipment for Treatment of Bhopal Gas Victims

884. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a highly sophisticated Gamma Camera donated by the non resident Indians in the U. S. for the treatment of Bhopal Gas victims is lyig idle in the Hamidia Hospital in Bhopal; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not using the equipment for the benefit of the Bhopal gas victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Gamma Camera donated by the non-resident Indians of the United States of America was recived on 6.5.1986 at the Hamidia Hospital attached to the Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. The Camer is still to be installed. The manufacture has been advised to send a team for inspection and installation of the Camera. It will be put to use immediately after installation.

Conference of the State Ministers of Sports etc.

885. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of all Ministers of Sports|Human Resource Development representing various States was held in New Delhi during the third week of June, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the names and number of Participants at the Conference;

(c) the nature of discussions held; and

(d) the decisions taken at the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) A conference of Ministers in-charge of Youth Affairs and Sports of state and Union Territory Administration was held on the 20th and 21st June 1986 in New Delhi. Eighty ministers and officials of the States|Union Territories and the Central Government and its autonomous sports bodies participated in the Conference. A list of persons who particpated in the said Conference is indicated in the attached statement. (See Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No 51.)

(c) The Conference dislussed the promotion of sports and youth programmes in the country.

(d) The States welcomed the initative taken and the new scheme launched by the Central Government for the promotion of sports and youth programmes and assuerd full cooperation in the implementation of the various central programmes. The Conference noted that under the